

Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District GOVERNING BOARD Minutes March 12, 2025

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board met on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Harry West Board Room at the Atlanta Regional Commission office in Atlanta, Georgia and via Microsoft Teams.

Members Present

Mr. Glenn Page, Chairman

City of Atlanta Designee: Mr. Al Wiggins

Cobb County Designee: Ms. Judy Jones

Coweta County Designee: Mr. Jay Boren

Douglas County Designee: Mr. Gil Shearouse

Ms. Pamela Burnett

Forsyth County Designee: Hon. Mendy Moore

Mr. Albert Edwards

Fulton County Designee: Mr. David Clark

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Dr. Ben Jordan Gwinnett County Designee: Ms. Rebecca Shelton

Ms. Sara Ray Hall County Designee: Mr. Bill Nash

Mr. Darrell Rochester Rockdale County Designee: Mr. Kimbry Peek

Mr. Tim Thoms Mr. Dave Williams

Members Not Present

Dr. Mark Berry, Secretary/Treasurer
Hon. Lee Hearn
Hon. Steve Taylor
Hon. Alieka Anderson-Henry
Mr. Gerald Pouncey

Chairman Glenn Page called the meeting to order.

Public Comment Period

No public comments were provided.

Approve Meeting Minutes

Chairman Page presented the December 11, 2024 meeting minutes for approval. No revisions were offered. Mr. Gil Shearouse made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Albert Edwards and passed without opposition.

Recognitions

Chairman Page recognized the newest members of the Metro Water District Board including, Clayton County Chairwoman Alieka Anderson-Henry, Coweta County Chairman Bill McKenzie, DeKalb CEO Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Hall County Chairman David Gibbs, and Rockdale County Chair Janice Van Ness. Additionally, the following individuals were

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recognized as new designees for their respective counties: Forsyth County's Hon. Mendy Moore and Fulton County's Mr. David Clark.

Chairman Page also recognized Mr. Nick Ammons and Mr. David Hayes, former designees for Fulton County and DeKalb County respectively, on their recent retirements.

Legislative Policy Committee Update

Chairman Page noted that the District staff and the District's government affairs consultant are tracking legislation for bills of interest as well as advocating for annual appropriations in the State Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the District's planning efforts and additional funding to complete the 2028 Water Resources Management Plan.

2028 Water Resource Management Plan Update

Mr. Danny Johnson shared an update on the 2028 Water Resources Management Plan schedule and planning process.

Education and Outreach

Ms. Justine Schwarts provided an overview of the upcoming Water Drop Dash 5K race and the annual High School Video Contest.

Data Center Trends and Education Efforts

Ms. Celine Benoit presented an update on data center development trends in metro Atlanta and the District's role in the community education planning process.

Georgia EPD 319 Grant Contract Update

Ms. Katherine Atteberry provided an update on the Georgia EPD 319 grant status for the funding of the District-Wide Stormwater Management Infrastructure Mapping Strategy Project. The District is currently in the procurement phase for this project and will schedule a follow up Board meeting to present the proposed contract for approval.

Resiliency Planning

Mr. Johnson presented on a District staff led effort to revisit the 2015 Utility Climate Resiliency Study with a new effort that would highlight stakeholder experiences and share best practices learned from extreme weather events. The effort will seek to understand the needs and barriers to implementing risk and resilience planning in the master planning process and identifying practical local adaptation strategies.

Water Supply Status / Litigation Update

Mr. Johnson reported that the regional reservoirs are full and that there are no drought conditions currently in the Metro Water District. Mr. Johnson then shared that there are no new updates in either of the ongoing litigation efforts in the ACT or the ACF river basins.

There being no further business, Chairman Page adjourned the meeting.